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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend paragraph [0019] as follows:

-- Referring to FIG. 2, there is depicted a block diagram of the principal components of processing unit 112. CPU 226 can communicate with RAM (Random Access Memory) 258, diskette drive 122, hard-disk drive 123, CD-ROM drive 124, DVD Drive 125, device controller 284, parallel-port adapter 276, network interface 285, display adapter 270, modem 287, and network controller 288 350. Although the various components of FIG. 2 are drawn as single entities, each may consist of a plurality of entities and may exist at multiple levels. --

Please amend paragraph [0028] as follows:

-- CD-ROM drive 124 is generally associated with light source 326 and light sensor 328, while modem 387 can be associated with light source 330 33 and light sensor 334. DVD drive 125 is generally associated with light source 336 and light sensor 338. Similarly, display adapter 270 is associated with light source 340 and light sensor 342. Likewise, network controller 288 is associated with light source 348 and light sensor 350. Finally, device controller 284 is associated with light source 344 and light sensor 346. In general, processing unit 112 and the various components thereof can operate according to variations of light-based data communications, which are depicted and described in further detail herein with respect to FIGS. 3-4. --

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